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# On almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifolds

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**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to introduce a type of non-flat Riemannian manifolds called *almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifold* and study its geometric properties. Among others it is shown that an almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifold is a special type of quasi-Einstein manifold. We also study conformally flat almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifolds and prove that such a manifold is isometrically immersed in an Euclidean manifold as a hypersurface. The existence of such notion is ensured by a non-trivial example.

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## §1. Introduction

By extending the definition of pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold, very recently M. C. Chaki and T. Kawaguchi [8] introduced the notion of almost pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$  is called an almost pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is not identically zero and satisfies the condition

$$(1.1) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) \\ + A(Y)S(X, Z) + A(Z)S(Y, X) \quad \text{for all } X, Y, Z \in \chi(M),$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric tensor  $g$  and  $\chi(M)$  is the Lie algebra of all smooth vector fields on  $M$ ; and  $A$  and  $B$  are nowhere vanishing 1-forms associated with the unique vector field  $U$  and  $V$  respectively such that  $g(X, U) = A(X)$  and  $g(X, V) = B(X)$  for all  $X \in \chi(M)$ . The vector fields  $U, V$  are called the generators of the manifold.

The 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$  are called associated 1-forms and an  $n$ -dimensional manifold of this kind is denoted by  $A(PRS)_n$ . If, in particular,  $B = A$  then (1.1) reduces to the notion of pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold [6]. Extending the notion of almost pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold, in the present paper we introduce the notion of *almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifold*. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$  (this condition is assumed throughout the paper) is said to be an almost pseudo cyclic Ricci symmetric manifold if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is not identically zero and satisfies the following:

$$(1.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y S)(Z, X) + (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y) \\ = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) + A(Y)S(X, Z) + A(Z)S(Y, X),$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are nowhere vanishing 1-forms associated to the unique vector field  $U$  and  $V$  respectively such that  $A(X) = g(X, U)$  and  $B(X) = g(X, V)$  for all  $X$  and  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric tensor  $g$ . Such an  $n$ -dimensional manifold is denoted by  $A(PCRS)_n$ .

The present paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is concerned with some basic properties of  $A(PCRS)_n$ . Every  $A(PRS)_n$  is  $A(PCRS)_n$  but not conversely. However, it is proved that an  $A(PCRS)_n$  with Codazzi type Ricci tensor is an  $A(PRS)_n$ . Again it is shown that an  $A(PCRS)_n$  is a special type of quasi-Einstein manifold ([7], [10], [11]) and also it is proved that the scalar curvature of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  is always non-zero at every point of the manifold.

In Section 3 we investigate conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  and prove that such a manifold is of quasi-constant curvature. It is shown that in a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$ , the unique unit vector field  $\lambda$  defined by  $\frac{B(X)}{\sqrt{B(V)}} = T(X) = g(X, \lambda)$ , for all  $X \in \chi(M)$ , is a unit proper concircular vector field and hence such a manifold is a subprojective manifold in the sense of Kagan ([1], [20]). Again it is proved that a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  can be expressed as the warped product  $I \times_{e^p} \overset{*}{M}$ , where  $(\overset{*}{M}, \overset{*}{g})$  is an  $(n-1)$  dimensional Einstein manifold [13].

As a generalization of subprojective manifold B. Y. Chen and K. Yano [9] introduced the notion of special conformally flat manifold. It is shown that a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  with non-constant and negative scalar curvature is a special conformally flat manifold and also it is proved that such a simply connected manifold can be isometrically immersed in an Euclidean manifold  $E^{n+1}$  as a hypersurface.

A non-zero vector  $X$  on a semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be time-like (resp., non-spacelike, null, spacelike) if it satisfies  $g(X, X) < 0$  (resp.  $\leq 0$ ,  $= 0$ ,  $> 0$ ) [15]. Since  $\lambda$  is a unit vector field on the Riemannian manifold  $M = A(PCRS)_n$  with metric tensor  $g$ , it can be easily shown [15](p.148) that  $\tilde{g} = g - 2T \otimes T$  is a Lorentz metric on  $M$ . Hence  $\lambda$  becomes timelike so that

the resulting Lorentz manifold  $(M, \tilde{g})$  is time-orientable. The last section deals with a non-trivial example of  $A(PCRS)_n$ .

## §2. Some basic properties of $A(PCRS)_n$

This section deals with various basic geometric properties of  $A(PCRS)_n$ . Let  $Q$  be the symmetric endomorphism of the tangent bundle of the manifold corresponding to the Ricci tensor  $S$ , i.e.,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  for all vector fields  $X, Y$ .

Let  $\{e_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold. Then setting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (1.2) and then taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we obtain

$$(2.1) \quad 2dr(X) = r[A(X) + B(X)] + 2A(QX),$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold. Again contracting (1.2) with respect to  $Z$  and  $X$ , and then replacing  $Y$  by  $X$  in the resulting equation, we get

$$(2.2) \quad 2dr(X) = rA(X) + 2A(QX) + B(QX).$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) it follows that

$$(2.3) \quad B(QX) = rB(X),$$

i.e.,

$$(2.4) \quad S(X, V) = rg(X, V).$$

This leads to the following:

**Proposition 1.** *The scalar curvature  $r$  of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  is an eigenvalue of the Ricci tensor  $S$  corresponding to the eigenvector  $V$ .*

We now suppose that the Ricci tensor of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  ( $n > 2$ ) is of Codazzi type ([12],[16]). Then we have

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Y S)(Z, X) = (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y)$$

for all  $X, Y, Z$  and hence the defining condition (1.2) of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  reduces to

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) \\ &= [\bar{A}(X) + \bar{B}(X)]S(Y, Z) + \bar{A}(Y)S(Z, X) + \bar{A}(Z)S(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{A}(X) = g(X, \frac{1}{3}U)$  and  $\bar{B}(X) = g(X, \frac{1}{3}V)$  are nowhere vanishing 1-forms, and consequently the manifold is  $A(PRS)_n$ . This leads to the following:

**Proposition 2.** *If the Ricci tensor of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  is of Codazzi type, then it is an  $A(PRS)_n$ .*

Interchanging  $X$  and  $Y$  in (1.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) + (\nabla_X S)(Z, Y) + (\nabla_Z S)(Y, X) \\ &= [A(Y) + B(Y)]S(X, Z) + A(X)S(Y, Z) + A(Z)S(Y, X). \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (1.2) and above equation, it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad B(X)S(Y, Z) = B(Y)S(X, Z) \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \chi(M).$$

Setting  $Y = V$  in (2.7) we get

$$(2.8) \quad S(X, Z) = \frac{1}{B(V)}B(X)B(Z).$$

In view of (2.3), (2.8) yields

$$(2.9) \quad S(X, Z) = rT(X)T(Z),$$

where  $T(X) = g(X, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{B(V)}}B(X)$ ,  $\lambda$  being a unit vector field associated with the nowhere vanishing 1-form  $T$ . From (2.9) it follows that if  $r = 0$  at every point of the manifold, then  $S(X, Z) = 0$ , which is inadmissible by the definition of  $A(PCRS)_n$ . Hence we can state the following:

**Proposition 3.** *The scalar curvature of an  $A(PCRS)_n$  is non-zero at every point of the manifold, and its Ricci tensor is of the form (2.9).*

A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is said to be quasi-Einstein manifold ([7], [10], [11]) if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is not identically zero and satisfies the following:

$$(2.10) \quad S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta D(X)D(Y),$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are scalars of which  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $D$  is a nowhere vanishing 1-form associated with the unique unit vector field  $\sigma$  defined by  $g(X, \sigma) = D(X)$  for all  $X \in \chi(M)$ . Hence from (2.9) we can state the following:

**Proposition 4.** *An  $A(PCRS)_n$  is a special type of quasi-Einstein manifold.*

If an  $A(PCRS)_n$  ( $n > 2$ ) is Einstein, then from (1.2) it follows that

$$(2.11) \quad \{A(X) + B(X)\}g(Y, Z) + A(Y)g(Z, X) + A(Z)g(X, Y) = 0,$$

as  $r$  is non-zero at every point of the manifold. From (2.11), we can easily get  $B(X) = 0$ , which is inadmissible by the definition of  $A(PCRS)_n$ . Hence we can state the following:

**Proposition 5.** *There does not exist any Einstein  $A(PCRS)_n$  ( $n > 2$ ).*

### §3. Conformally flat $A(PCRS)_n$

A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$  is said to be the manifold of quasi-constant curvature ([2], [3], [4], [5], [17]) if it is conformally flat and its curvature tensor  $R$  of type  $(0, 4)$  has the following form:

$$(3.1) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = a_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ + a_2[g(Y, Z)A(X)A(W) - g(X, Z)A(Y)A(W) \\ + g(X, W)A(Y)A(Z) - g(Y, W)A(X)A(Z)],$$

where  $A$  is a nowhere vanishing 1-form and  $a_1, a_2$  are scalars of which  $a_2 \neq 0$ . Let a Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 3)$  be conformally flat. Then the curvature tensor  $R$  of type  $(0, 4)$  is of the following form:

$$(3.2) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{1}{n-2}[\{S(Y, Z)g(X, W) - S(X, Z)g(Y, W) \\ + S(X, W)g(Y, Z) - S(Y, W)g(X, Z)\} \\ - \frac{r}{(n-1)}\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\}].$$

Using (2.9) in (3.2) we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = a[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ + b[g(X, W)T(Y)T(Z) - g(Y, W)T(X)T(Z) \\ + g(Y, Z)T(X)T(W) - g(X, Z)T(Y)T(W)],$$

where  $a = -\frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)}$  and  $b = \frac{r}{n-2}$  are non-zero scalars. By virtue of (3.1), it follows from (3.3) that a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n(n > 3)$  is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature. This leads to the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Every conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n(n > 3)$  is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature.*

Since in a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold the conformal curvature tensor  $C$  vanishes, the relation (3.2) holds and hence (3.3) also holds. This leads to the following:

**Corollary 1.** *Every  $A(PCRS)_3$  is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature.*

The conformal curvature tensor  $C$  of type  $(1, 3)$  of a Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 3)$  is defined by

$$(3.4) \quad C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2}[S(Y, Z)X \\ - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY] \\ + \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

Differentiating (3.4) covariantly and then contracting we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad (divC)(X, Y)Z &= (divR)(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2}[(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) \\
 &\quad - (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) + \frac{1}{2}dr(X)g(Y, Z) - \frac{1}{2}dr(Y)g(X, Z)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}[dr(X)g(Y, Z) - dr(Y)g(X, Z)],
 \end{aligned}$$

where ‘div’ denotes the divergence. Again it is known that in a Riemannian manifold, we have

$$(divR)(X, Y)Z = (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z).$$

Consequently by virtue of the above relation, (3.5) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.6) \quad (divC)(X, Y)Z &= \frac{n-3}{n-2}[(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2(n-1)}\{dr(X)g(Y, Z) - dr(Y)g(X, Z)\}].
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n (n > 3)$ . Then we have

$$(divC)(X, Y)Z = 0$$

and hence (3.6) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.7) \quad &(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[dr(X)g(Y, Z) - dr(Y)g(X, Z)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Again from (2.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad &(\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) \\
 &= dr(Y)T(X)T(Z) + r[(\nabla_Y T)(X)T(Z) + T(X)(\nabla_Y T)(Z)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.8) in (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad &dr(X)T(Y)T(Z) - dr(Y)T(X)T(Z) + r[(\nabla_X T)(Y)T(Z) \\
 &\quad + T(Y)(\nabla_X T)(Z) - (\nabla_Y T)(X)T(Z) - T(X)(\nabla_Y T)(Z)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[dr(X)g(Y, Z) - dr(Y)g(X, Z)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (3.9) and taking summation over  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , we get

$$(3.10) \quad dr(\lambda)T(X) + r\{(\nabla_\lambda T)(X) + T(X) \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla_{e_i} T)(e_i)\} = \frac{1}{2}dr(X).$$

Again putting  $Y = Z = \lambda$  in (3.9) we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad r(\nabla_\lambda T)(X) = \frac{2n-3}{2(n-1)}[dr(X) - dr(\lambda)T(X)].$$

Using (3.11) in (3.10) we get

$$(3.12) \quad rT(X) \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla_{e_i} T)(e_i) + \frac{n-2}{2(n-1)}dr(X) + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}dr(\lambda)T(X) = 0.$$

Setting  $X = \lambda$  in (3.12) we get

$$(3.13) \quad r \sum_{i=1}^n (\nabla_{e_i} T)(e_i) = -\frac{1}{2}dr(\lambda).$$

From (3.12) and (3.13), it follows that

$$(3.14) \quad dr(X) = dr(\lambda)T(X).$$

Again plugging  $Z = \lambda$  in (3.9) and then using (3.14), we obtain

$$r\{(\nabla_X T)(Y) - (\nabla_Y T)(X)\} = 0,$$

which implies that

$$(3.15) \quad (\nabla_X T)(Y) - (\nabla_Y T)(X) = 0,$$

since  $r \neq 0$ . The relation (3.15) implies that the 1-form  $T$  is closed. In view of (3.14) it follows from (3.11) that

$$(3.16) \quad (\nabla_\lambda T)(Z) = 0,$$

which implies that  $\nabla_\lambda \lambda = 0$ . The existence of the integral curve of  $\lambda$  is ensured by Proposition 49 of ([15], p. 28). Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 2.** *In a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  ( $n > 3$ ), the integral curves of the vector field  $\lambda$  are geodesics.*

Also setting  $Y = \lambda$  in (3.9) we obtain by virtue of (3.14) and (3.16) that

$$(3.17) \quad (\nabla_X T)(Z) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)r}dr(\lambda)[T(X)T(Z) - g(X, Z)].$$

Let us now consider a non-zero scalar function  $f = \frac{1}{2(n-1)r}dr(\lambda)$ , where the scalar curvature  $r$  is non-constant. Then we have

$$(3.18) \quad \nabla_X f = -\frac{1}{2(n-1)r^2}dr(\lambda)dr(X) + \frac{1}{2(n-1)r}d^2r(\lambda, X).$$

From (3.14) it follows that

$$(3.19) \quad d^2r(X, Y) = d^2r(\lambda, Y)T(X) + dr(\lambda)(\nabla_Y T)(X).$$

Since a second covariant differential of any function is a symmetric 2-form, (3.15) and (3.19) give

$$(3.20) \quad d^2r(\lambda, Y)T(X) = d^2r(\lambda, X)T(Y).$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $\lambda$  in (3.20) we have

$$(3.21) \quad d^2r(\lambda, X) = d^2r(\lambda, \lambda)T(X) = -\psi T(X),$$

where  $\psi = -d^2r(\lambda, \lambda)$  is a scalar function. Using (3.14) and (3.21) in (3.18) we obtain

$$(3.22) \quad \nabla_X f = \mu T(X),$$

where

$$\mu = -\frac{1}{2(n-1)r^2}[r\psi + \{dr(\lambda)\}^2]$$

is a scalar. Since  $r$  is non-zero and non-constant function,  $dr(X) \neq 0$  for all  $X$  and hence  $dr(\lambda) \neq 0$ , and therefore  $\psi \neq 0$ . Consequently  $\mu$  is a non-zero scalar. We now consider an 1-form  $\omega$  defined by

$$\omega(X) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)r}dr(\lambda)T(X) = fT(X).$$

Then by virtue of (3.15) and (3.22) we have

$$d\omega(X, Y) = 0.$$

Hence the 1-form  $\omega$  is closed. Therefore (3.17) can be rewritten as

$$(3.23) \quad (\nabla_X T)(Z) = -fg(X, Z) + \omega(X)T(Z),$$

which implies that the vector field  $\lambda$  is a proper unit concircular vector field ([18], [19]). Again in a conformally flat 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold, the relation (3.7) holds for  $n = 3$ . Hence proceeding similarly as above it is easy to check that in an  $A(PCRS)_3$ ,  $\lambda$  is a unit proper concircular vector field. Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.** *In a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  with non-constant scalar curvature the vector field  $\lambda$  defined by  $g(X, \lambda) = T(X)$  is a unit proper concircular vector field.*



Again if a conformally flat Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g), n > 3$ , admits a proper concircular vector field, then the manifold is a subprojective manifold of Kagan ([1], [20]) and hence by virtue of Theorem 3, we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.** *Every conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n, n > 3$ , with non-constant scalar curvature is a subprojective manifold in the sense of Kagan.*

In [19] K. Yano proved that a Riemannian manifold admits a concircular vector field, if and only if there exists a coordinate system with respect to which the fundamental quadratic differential form can be written as

$$ds^2 = dx'^2 + e^p g_{ij}^* dx^i dx^j,$$

where  $g_{ij}^* = g_{ij}[x^k]$  are the functions of  $x^k$  only ( $i, j, k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ ) and  $p = p(x')$  is a non-constant function of  $x'$  only. Hence if an  $A(PCRS)_n, n > 3$ , is conformally flat, then it is a warped product  $I \times_{e^p} \overset{*}{M}$ , where  $(\overset{*}{M}, \overset{*}{g})$  is an  $(n-1)$  dimensional Riemannian manifold, and  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  is an open interval. Again, A. Gebarowski [13] proved that the warped product  $I \times_{e^p} \overset{*}{M}$  satisfies the condition (3.7) if and only if  $\overset{*}{M}$  is an Einstein manifold. Since a conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n$  satisfies (3.7), it must be a warped product  $I \times_{e^p} \overset{*}{M}$ , where  $\overset{*}{M}$  is an Einstein manifold. Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 5.** *Every conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n, n > 3$ , with non-constant scalar curvature can be expressed as a warped product  $I \times_{e^p} \overset{*}{M}$ , where  $(\overset{*}{M}, \overset{*}{g})$  is an  $(n-1)$  dimensional Einstein manifold.*

As a generalization of subprojective manifold, B. Y. Chen and K. Yano [9] introduced the notion of special conformally flat manifold defined as follows: a conformally flat Riemannian manifold is said to be a special conformally flat manifold if the tensor field  $H$  of type  $(0, 2)$  defined by

$$(3.24) \quad H(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{n-2}S(X, Y) + \frac{r}{2(n-1)(n-2)}g(X, Y)$$

is expressible in the form

$$(3.25) \quad H(X, Y) = -\frac{\alpha^2}{2}g(X, Y) + \beta(X\alpha)(Y\alpha),$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are two scalars such that  $\alpha$  is positive. In view of (2.9), (3.24) can be written as

$$(3.26) \quad H(X, Y) = -\frac{r}{n-2}T(X)T(Y) + \frac{r}{2(n-1)(n-2)}g(X, Y).$$

Let us now take

$$(3.27) \quad \alpha^2 = -\frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)} > 0, \quad \text{provided } r < 0.$$

Then

$$2\alpha(X\alpha) = -\frac{dr(X)}{(n-1)(n-2)},$$

which implies by virtue of (3.14) that

$$2\alpha(X\alpha) = -\frac{dr(\lambda)T(X)}{(n-1)(n-2)}.$$

Hence

$$T(X)T(Y) = -\frac{4(n-1)(n-2)r}{\delta^2}(X\alpha)(Y\alpha),$$

where  $\delta = dr(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Therefore, by virtue of (3.27), (3.26) can be expressed as

$$H(X, Y) = -\frac{\alpha^2}{2}g(X, Y) + \beta(X\alpha)(Y\alpha),$$

where  $\beta = \frac{4(n-1)r^2}{\delta^2} \neq 0$  at each point of the manifold, provided  $r$  is non-constant. Hence the manifold is a special conformally flat manifold. This leads to the following:

**Theorem 6.** *A conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n, n > 3$ , with non-constant and negative scalar curvature is a special conformally flat manifold.*

Again in [9] it is proved that every simply-connected special conformally flat manifold can be isometrically immersed in an Euclidean manifold  $E^{n+1}$  as a hypersurface. Therefore by virtue of Theorem 6, we can state the following:

**Theorem 7.** *Every simply-connected conformally flat  $A(PCRS)_n, n > 3$ , with non-constant and negative scalar curvature can be isometrically immersed in an Euclidean manifold  $E^{n+1}$  as a hypersurface.*

#### §4. An example of $A(PCRS)_4$

**Example .** Let  $M = \mathbf{R}^3 \times (0, \infty) \subseteq \mathbf{R}^4$ . We take the identity map  $I_d$  on  $M$  such that  $N = I_d(M) = \mathbf{R}^3 \times (0, \infty)$ . Then  $\{E_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0), E_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0), E_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0), E_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$  form a basis at each point  $p \in N$ . We define the Lorentz metric  $g$  on  $N$  by giving its components relative to the basis  $\{E_i(p)\}$  at each point  $p = (x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad g_{ij}(p) = g_{ij}(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j; \\ (x^4)^{\frac{4}{3}} & \text{if } i = j = 1, 2, 3; \\ -1 & \text{if } i = j = 4, \end{cases}$$

where  $x^i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are the standard coordinates of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Then the manifold  $N$  with metric (4.1) represents the Einstein-deSitter spacetime which represents the simplest cosmological model in general relativity ([14], p. 89). Hence for  $X, Y \in T_p N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g_p(X, Y) &= g_p(X^i E_i, Y^j E_j) \\ &= (x^4)^{\frac{4}{3}} (X^1 Y^1 + X^2 Y^2 + X^3 Y^3) - X^4 Y^4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x^4$  is the ‘height’ of  $p$ . We note that this is a Lorentz metric since smoothness is obvious on  $x^4 > 0$  and, for each  $p \in N$ , one can define a new basis  $\{e_i : i = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  for  $T_p N$  by  $e_i = (x^4)^{-\frac{2}{3}} E_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $e_4 = E_4$ . Then  $g(e_i, e_j) = \eta_{ij}$ , where

$$\eta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = j = 1, 2, 3; \\ -1 & \text{for } i = j = 4; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Also we observe that for  $p \in N$  the null cone at  $p$  is

$$\left\{ X = X^i E_i \in T_p N : (x^4)^{\frac{4}{3}} ((X^1)^2 + (X^2)^2 + (X^3)^2) = (X^4)^2 \right\}$$

which one might interpret geometrically as saying that the null cones in  $N$  ‘get steeper’ as  $p$  ‘gets higher’. Then the only non-zero Christoffel symbols for the standard coordinate patch on  $N$  are given by ([14], p. 95, Exercise 3.3.4)

$$(4.2) \quad \Gamma_{14}^1 = \Gamma_{41}^1 = \Gamma_{24}^2 = \Gamma_{42}^2 = \Gamma_{34}^3 = \Gamma_{43}^3 = \frac{2}{3(x^4)}$$

and the components of the Ricci tensor relative to the standard coordinate patch are given by

$$S_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3(x^4)^2} & \text{for } i = j = 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Also the scalar curvature of  $N$  is given by

$$r = -\frac{2}{3(x^4)^2} \neq 0.$$

In terms of local coordinates the defining condition (1.2) of an  $A(PCRS)_4$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (4.3) \quad & S_{ij,k} + S_{jk,i} + S_{ki,j} \\ &= (A_k + B_k) S_{ij} + A_i S_{jk} + A_j S_{ik}, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (4.2) and (4.3) it follows that

$$S_{ij, k} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{3(x^4)^3} & \text{for } i = j = k = 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In terms of local coordinates, if we consider the components of the 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$  as follows:

$$(4.4) \quad A_i = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{3x^4} & \text{for } i = 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise ;} \end{cases}$$

$$(4.5) \quad B_i = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{x^4} & \text{for } i = 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise ;} \end{cases}$$

then in view of (4.4) - (4.5), it is easy to check that (4.3) holds for all  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Therefore  $N$  equipped with metric (4.1) is an  $A(PCRS)_4$  which is not  $A(PRS)_4$ . This leads to the following:

**Theorem 8.** *An Einstein-deSitter spacetime  $N$  equipped with the metric (4.1) is an  $A(PCRS)_4$  which is not an  $A(PRS)_4$ .*

**Remark 1.** *The metric defined in (4.1) is not positive definite.*

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